

NOT RECYCLING?

Then as of February 1, 2013 your household trash will not be collected.

Westford has had mandatory recycling for residents for almost twenty years.

Starting February 1st, those of you who do not recycle will no longer have your trash picked up by the Town's trash hauler.

Why? Two reasons.

1. The Department of Environmental Protection bans glass bottles, cans, plastic containers and paper from incinerators and landfills. Our trash goes to an incinerator, and the Town can be fined heavily if there are recyclables in a load of trash.
2. We pay \$70 a ton for trash taken to the incinerator. Residents who don't recycle are sending an estimated 1400 tons of recyclables to the incinerator each year, costing taxpayers an unnecessary **\$98,000**.

Recycling is easy.

There is no sorting needed. Glass jars & bottles, plastic containers & jugs, cans, and all paper can go into the same container. Use a bin, a wheeled recycling toter, or any barrel with a RECYCLE sticker on it. Stickers are free. (See below.) Trash goes into a separate barrel.

*** Free RECYCLE stickers** can be picked up at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk's office, Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm, or send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to the Westford Recycling Commission, 55 Main Street and we will mail you a sticker.

After February 1st, if there are recyclables in your trash and/or there is no recycling container out on your recycling day, the trash hauler will leave your trash behind. If you are recycling, be sure to leave your recycling bins/toters at the curb until your trash is picked up so the trash truck driver knows that you are recycling,

If you choose not to recycle, you can hire any trash hauler to take away your trash. Look under Garbage Removal in the Yellow Pages or look online.

Or, you can start recycling. It's your choice.

Questions?

Email recycling@westfordma.gov or phone any of the volunteers on the Recycling Commission: Ellen 692-2039, Sue 692-1027, Kris 692-2887, Alan 692-1105, Barbara 692-5177, Joan 392-5955, Charles 617-251-7216.

Or call the Town Manager's office, 692-5501 or the Town Clerk's office, 692-5515

Thank you for doing your part.



Westford Recycling Commission ~ 55 Main Street